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Charles C. Lovell
Senior Judge
Date of Birth: 1929
Education: Montana 1952 BS, 1959 JD
Began Service: April 1985
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

Government: Chief Counsel, Appellate Division, Office of the Attorney General, State of Montana (1969-1972)

Judicial: District Judge, United States District Court for the District of Montana (1985-2000)

Legal Practice: Church, Harris, Johnson & Williams (1959-1985)

Military Service: United States Air Force (1952-1954)

Current Memberships: American Association for Justice; American Bar Association; American College of Mortgage Attorneys; American Judicature Society; Cascade County Bar Association; Montana Defense Counsel Association; Montana Trial Lawyers Association; State Bar of Montana

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Education: Montana 1983 MBA

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Carolyn S. Ostby
Magistrate Judge
Date of Birth: 1951
Education: Macalester 1972 BA;
Montana 1977 JD
Began Service: February 2002
Term Expires: February 2010

Clerkships: Law Clerk, Chief Judge The Honorable Russell E. Smith, United District Court for the District of Montana (1977-1979)

Government: Attorney-Advisor, Office of Legal Counsel, United States Department of Justice (1979-1981)

Legal Practice: Partner, Crowley Law Firm (1980-2001)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; American Bar Foundation, American Bar Association; American College of Trial Lawyers; American Judicature Society; Cascade County Bar Association; State Bar of Montana

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Term Expires: August 2007
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Jeremiah C. Lynch
Magistrate Judge

Began Service: July 2006

Clerkships: Law Clerk, District Judge Paul G. Hatfield, United States District Court for the District of Montana (1981-1995)

Legal Practice: Attorney, Private Practice (1995-2006)

Staff
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Education: Montana 1995 JD
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Keith Strong
Magistrate Judge

Began Service: January 2007
Term Expires: 2015

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Gerard M. Schuster
Magistrate Judge (part-time)

Date of Birth: 1945
Education: Montana 1967 BA, 1972 JD
Began Service: 1974

Legal Practice: Private Practice

Military Service: United States Army (1969-1970)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; National District Attorneys Association; State Bar of Montana

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Richard W. Anderson
Magistrate Judge (recalled)

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Joseph F. Bataillon
Chief Judge
Date of Birth: 1949
Education: Creighton 1971 BA, 1974 JD
Began Service: October 1997
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton
Political Affiliation: Democrat

Government: Deputy Public Defender, Office of the Public Defender, County of Douglas, Nebraska (1974-1980)

Legal Practice: Trial Attorney, Emil F. Sodoro P.C. (1980); Trial Attorney, Sodoro, Johnson, Daly, Stave, Cavel & Coffey (1980-1981); Trial Attorney, Sodoro, Daly & Sodoro (1981-1997)

Military Service: United States Army Reserve (1971-1986)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; Judicial Division, American Bar Association; Federal Bar Association; Nebraska State Bar Association; Omaha Bar Association

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Ralph B. Kirscher
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1951
Education: Montana; American U MPA; Montana JD
Began Service: November 18, 1999
Term Expires: November 18, 2013

Affiliation: Adjunct Lecturer, School of Law, The University of Montana-Missoula

Academic: Adjunct Lecturer, University of Montana School of Law (1992-1997)

Current Memberships: National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges; Silver Bow County Bar Association; State Bar of Montana

Staff
Law Clerk **Kelli Harrington** (406) 782-3338
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John L. Peterson
Bankruptcy Judge (recalled)

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Number of Judgeships: 3

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